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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7043

BILL NUMBER: SB 303

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 31, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 10, 2005

SUBJECT: Marion Superior Court.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Clark

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Buell

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It permits a party to a Marion Superior Court proceeding that has been assigned to a magistrate to request that a judge of the superior court preside over the proceeding instead of the magistrate only if the party makes the request within a specified time period.
- B. It strikes a provision that limits the salary of the Marion Superior Court administrator to not more than 80% of the salary of a superior court judge.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Provision B* – Under current law, the salary of a superior court judge is \$90,000. Consequently, the salary of the Marion County court administrator may not exceed 80% of the salary of a superior court judge, or \$72,000. Striking this provision would permit the executive committee of the Marion County Superior Court to set the salary at the committee's discretion. Any added expenditures for Marion County will depend on the actions of the executive committee and the decision of the court administrator to accept any changes in salary. The court administrator's salary is paid from county funds.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Marion Superior Court; Marion County.

Information Sources:

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